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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Inglewood – Four Dead, 1 Injured in 'Ambush-Style' Shooting at House Party

(U) Authorities advise that four individuals were killed in an "ambush -style" shooting during a house party in Inglewood. A fifth person was critically wounded, but is expected to survive. Authorities are still searching for the multiple suspects believed to be involved in the incident. Early incident reports detail that at least one assault rifle and one handgun were used in the shooting. The injured victim in critical condition admitted to being gang-affiliated in another city. An investigation is underway. SOURCE: 24 January 2022, CBS LA

(U) San Francisco – Antisemitic Flyers Found in Pacific Heights Neighborhood

(U) Residents in San Francisco's Pacific Heights neighborhood advised they found their doorsteps blanketed with antisemitic flyers. The flyers, which were placed in plastic bags with rice in them, blamed "every aspect of the COVID agenda" on the Jewish people. The flyers also named 15 people from the director of the CDC to pharmaceutical investors as being Jewish people involved in the agenda. San Francisco police are investigating the antisemitic propaganda. Authorities in multiple cities around the country have observed anti-Semitic flyers over the past weekend.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, NBC Bay Area

(U) San Mateo – Feds Reveal Undercover Bay Area Investigation Targeting CA/AZ Gun Ring

(U) Authorities unsealed court records revealing federal charges against two brothers responsible for an operation that shipped firearms from Arizona to the Bay area. Since June 2021, undercover agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the San Mateo Sheriff's Office bought 14 guns and sixpounds of methamphetamine from the brothers. Authorities charged the brothers with conspiracy, unlicensed gun sales, and methamphetamine distribution. The 14 guns included homemade machine guns and firearms with no serial numbers, commonly known as ghost guns.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, Mercury News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Journalist Killed in Tijuana, Third Death of Journalist in Two Weeks

(U) Tijuana – Authorities in the Baja California Attorney General Office advise that a journalist was killed in northern Mexico's border city of Tijuana, marking the third killing of a journalist in the country in two weeks. The victim, Lourdes Maldonado Lopez was shot to death inside a car in Tijuana's Santa Fe neighborhood. Lopez covered corruption and politics and had been the victim of previous attacks for her work. Mexico continues to be one of the world's deadliest countries for journalists. SOURCE: 24 January 2022, CNN

(U) Texas – Migrant Encounters Top 2 Million in Calendar Year 2021, On Pace for Repeat in 2022

(U) El Paso – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) figures show that more than 2 million unauthorized migrants came across the Mexican border to the US in calendar year 2021 and were apprehended or surrendered themselves, in addition to those not stopped or detected. US authorities

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stopped 178,840 unauthorized migrants at the southern border in December, a 2-percent increase over the previous month. The first quarter of the fiscal year 2022, October-December, brought in nearly 500K migrant encounters, a 137-percent increase over the first quarter 2021, when border agents encounter just over 200K migrants.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, Border Report

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia- Manhunt Continues for Suspect who Fired at DC Officers, Injuring One

(U) Washington – Authorities advise that a manhunt is underway in DC for a gunman who opened fire on officers, wounding one of them. As officers approached the suspect, he pulled down a ski mask and opened fire. The injured officer suffered a graze wound to the head and hand. The officer was later released from the hospital. After opening fire, the gunman ran one block up and inside a building. Authorities were unable to locate the suspect, but the weapon was recovered. An investigation is ongoing as the authorities know the suspect's identity and have a warrant for his arrest. SOURCE: 24 January 2022, NBC Washington

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Warns that Russia Could Launch Cyberattack against US

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a bulleting warning that Russia could launch a cyberattack against US targets on American soil if it believes Washington's response to its potential invasion of Ukraine threatens its long-term national security. DHS issued the memo to US critical infrastructure operators and state and local governments around the country. The memo stated that "Russia maintains a range of offensive cyber tools that it could employ against US networks" that make everything from planes, to hospitals, to dams and bridges operate. The bulletin is the latest indication that the US government is worried about Russian cyberattacks, even as Washington is ready to deploy military and intelligence assets to the region in anticipation of a Kremlin military incursion. SOURCE: 24 January 2022, USA Today

(U) Maryland - Three Firefighters Dead, One in Serious Condition after Partial Building Collapse

(U) Baltimore – Three firefighters died, and one was in serious condition after responding to a two-alarm fire at a vacant row home in Baltimore. Four firefighters inside the burning home became trapped when the building partially collapsed. The fire chief advised the three deceased firefighters as Baltimore City Fire Department Lt. Paul Butrim, firefighter/paramedic Kelsey Sadler, and EMT/firefighter Kenny Lacayo. EMT/firefighter John McMaster is on life support in the intensive care unit at the University of Maryland. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, CNN

(U) Tennessee – Man Arrested in Connection to Robertson County Deputy's Death

(U) Smyrna – Authorities arrested a man wanted in connection to the shooting death of a Robertson County deputy over the weekend. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, alongside multiple other agencies, flooded the Smyrna area in search of a suspect wanted in connection to the Deputy's death. Authorities advise that the investigation is ongoing. Robertson County Deputy Savanna Puckett was found dead inside a burning house in Springfield with a gunshot wound after not reporting to her assigned shift at work.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, Fox Nashville

(U) Wisconsin – Six Adults Found Dead in Home during Welfare Check, Police Investigating

(U) Milwaukee – Investigators advise a multiple-homicide investigation was underway in Milwaukee after police discovered six adults dead inside a home during a welfare check. Milwaukee police advised

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that the victims' injuries are suspected to have been caused by gunfire and the authorities were continuing to seek "unknown suspects." The apparent murders come on the heels of a record-breaking year for homicides in Milwaukee County, where the medical examiner's office confirmed that a record 220 killings were investigated in 2021.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, Fox News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Burkina Faso – Army Deposes President in West Africa's Latest Coup

(U) Ouagadougou – Burkina Faso's army ousted the President, suspended the constitution, dissolved the government and the national assembly, and closed the country's borders. The announcement cited the deterioration of the security situation, the President's inability to unite the West African nation and effectively respond to challenges, which include an Islamist insurgency. The statements were made in the name of a previously unheard-of entity, the Patriotic Movement for Safeguard and Restoration. Military actions have toppled governments over the past 18-months in Mali and Guinea. Burkina Faso has experienced numerous coups since independence from France in 1960.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, Reuters

(U) Mali – French Soldier Killed in Mortar Attack in Mali

(U) Gao – French officials advised that a French soldier was killed in a grenade attack by terrorists on a military camp in Mali. The attack occurred on the camp of the French operation in the city of Gao. The soldier suffered serious injuries to which he eventually succumbed despite emergency medical care. A helicopter patrol was ordered to neutralize the terrorists responsible for the attack. The former colonial power France is massively active in West Africa against Islamist militias. France is looking to reduce its troop strength to between 2500 and 3000 in the long term. Several armed groups are active in the states of the Sahel, an area that stretches south of the Sahara from the Atlantic to the Red sea. Some have sworn allegiance to the terrorist groups Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) or al-Qa'ida. SOURCE: 23 January 2022, Reuters

(U) United Arab Emirates – Intercept Houthi Missile Attack Targeting Abu Dhabi

(U) Hasaka – The United Arab Emirates and the US military intercepted two ballistic missiles fired by Yemen's Houthi reels over the skies of Abu Dhabi. The attack is the second in a week that targeted the Emirati capital. The missile fire further escalates tensions across the Persian Gulf, which previously had seen a series of assaults near, but never indisputably on, Emirati soil. American troops at Al-Dhafta Air Base in the capital took shelter in bunkers during the attack and fired back with their own Patriot missiles.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, ABC News

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